

# HB0725



## 100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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HB0725

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### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

70 ILCS 1205/2-12  
70 ILCS 1205/2-12a

from Ch. 105, par. 2-12  
from Ch. 105, par. 2-12a

Amends the Park District Code. Provides that a commissioner of a park district board shall not be elected to more than 2 terms. Further provides that the 2-term limit does not apply to a term where a commissioner is elected to a 6-year term but only serves a 2-year term as prescribed by statute.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning local government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Park District Code is amended by changing  
5 Sections 2-12 and 2-12a as follows:

6 (70 ILCS 1205/2-12) (from Ch. 105, par. 2-12)

7 Sec. 2-12. Except as may be otherwise determined pursuant  
8 to Section 2-12a the commissioners shall be elected for 6 year  
9 terms in all districts now or hereafter organized with the  
10 exceptions provided in Sections 2-10 and 2-10a as to those  
11 first elected.

12 In all General Park Districts commissioners shall be  
13 elected biennially to take the place of those whose terms  
14 expire. Such elections shall take place at the election  
15 provided by the general election law.

16 Commissioners shall serve until their successors are  
17 elected and qualified. A commissioner shall not be elected to  
18 more than 2 terms under this Section or Section 2-12a.

19 (Source: P.A. 81-1490.)

20 (70 ILCS 1205/2-12a) (from Ch. 105, par. 2-12a)

21 Sec. 2-12a. Any district may provide, either by resolution  
22 of the board or by referendum, that the term of commissioners

1 shall be 4 years rather than 6 years. Any such referendum shall  
2 be initiated and held in the same manner as is provided by the  
3 general election law for public questions authorized by Article  
4 VII of the Illinois Constitution.

5 If a majority of the votes cast on the proposition is in  
6 favor of a 4-year term for commissioners, or if the Board  
7 adopts a resolution stating that it is acting pursuant to this  
8 Section to change the term of office from 6 years to 4 years,  
9 commissioners thereafter elected, commencing with the first  
10 regular park district election at least 60 days after the date  
11 on which the proposition for 4-year terms was approved at  
12 referendum or by resolution, shall be elected for a term of 4  
13 years. In order to provide for the transition from 6-year terms  
14 to 4-year terms, if 2 commissioners are to be elected at the  
15 first such election and if the term of only one commissioner is  
16 scheduled to expire in the year of the next election at which  
17 commissioners are elected, of the 2 commissioners elected, one  
18 shall serve a 2-year term and one a 4-year term, to be  
19 determined by lot between the 2 persons elected within 30 days  
20 after the election.

21 In any district where the board has created 4-year terms  
22 pursuant to this Section, whether by referendum or by  
23 resolution, the length of terms may later be increased to 6  
24 years, but only by a referendum initiated and held in the same  
25 manner as prescribed in this Section for creating 4-year terms.  
26 No proposition to increase the terms of commissioners shall

1 affect any commissioner holding office at the time of the  
2 referendum or to be elected within 60 days of the referendum.

3 A commissioner shall not be elected to more than 2 terms  
4 under this Section or Section 2-12, except that a 2-year term  
5 of a commissioner as prescribed in this Section shall not count  
6 as one of the 2 elected terms.

7 (Source: P.A. 84-301.)